

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY SENATOR JACKSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Katina M. Semien for her service as the 25<sup>th</sup> South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Katina M. Semien for her excellent service as the 25th South Central Regional  
3 Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

4 WHEREAS, Katina M. Semien, Esq. became the 25th Alpha Kappa Alpha woman  
5 and the first from South Louisiana to serve as the South Central Regional Director of Alpha  
6 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. when she was elected for service during the 2016-2018 term; and

7 WHEREAS, after Ms. Semien received her Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate  
8 from Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, she put her training to  
9 work as an attorney, motivational speaker, and community advocate; and

10 WHEREAS, she currently serves as the Executive Director of the Louisiana  
11 Children's Trust Fund; and

12 WHEREAS, she has served as President, Vice-President, and Graduate Advisor for  
13 the Gamma Eta Omega chapter and as President of its nonprofit organization, The Ivy  
14 Foundation, Inc.; and

15 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) was created in 1908, as a  
16 support network for women with like minds coming together for mutual uplift, and  
17 coalescing of their talents and strengths for the benefit of others while being recognized as  
18 the first Negro Greek letter sorority; and

1           WHEREAS, AKA's force of more than 300,000 collegiate members and alumnae,  
2           constituting 1003 chapters in all 50 states, has become an indomitable force for good in their  
3           communities, states, nations, and the world; and

4           WHEREAS, AKA has enriched minds and encouraged lifelong learning; provided  
5           aid for the poor, the sick, and underserved; initiated social action to advance human and civil  
6           rights; worked collaboratively with other groups to maximize outreach on progressive  
7           endeavors; and continually produced leaders to continue its credo of service; and

8           WHEREAS, in 1924, AKA created chapters that were organized into regions formed  
9           according to geography and population density; and

10          WHEREAS, the South Central Region, which is the second largest region of ten  
11          regions is composed of more than 10,000 service orientated members with more than 120  
12          undergraduate and graduate chapters located in the four-state region of Arkansas, Louisiana,  
13          New Mexico, and Texas; and

14          WHEREAS, under Katina Semien, Madam Regional Director's leadership, the South  
15          Central Region members have worked faithfully to prepare a legacy for the future by blazing  
16          new trails and reaching new heights through the implementation of new programs that center  
17          on significant issues in families, communities, government halls, and world assembly  
18          chambers; and

19          WHEREAS, with her motto of "With Service on my Mind and Sisterhood in my  
20          Heart", Ms. Semien believes the key to building stronger communities begins and ends with  
21          those who are willing to dedicate, not just their time, but also their resources, to train,  
22          educate, protect, and prepare future leaders, and that has been her leadership style; and

23          WHEREAS, Katina M. Semien has received many accolades for her leadership and  
24          service performed by the South Central Region which continues to make a difference by  
25          "Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service".

26          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
27          does hereby commend Katina M. Semien for her exemplary service as the 25th South  
28          Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
30          Katina Semien, Madam Regional Director.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

---

DIGEST

SR 37 Original

2020 First Extraordinary Session

Jackson

Commends Katina M. Semien for her service as the 25th South Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.